

Notes from Command Briefing #11

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Notes from 11:00am call:

- Protestors have allowed EMS and Fire (not police) through at intersections Kent and Queen and Kent and Albert; group coming from Alexandria; another group staging in QC but unclear where they are headed; no issues overnight in the core; we allowed a truck through to empty port-a-potties; under 42 min for a brief time this morning but reserve staffing called in to get above 42; [REDACTED] is in Ottawa; protestors have planned a press conference at 1pm at the Marriott Hotel – media requested police presence; Arc hotel also requested police presence - protestors are angry that funding has been frozen, 2 officers have been sent; next operational window planning starts at 3pm;
- Intel - tempo change around receiving updates – push back; dedicated investigative team identified to push files ahead, East and West GAS assisting; high priority push, getting tips; starting to track calls – high proportion of calls related to mental health – they are the ones crossing the line; troubling increase in citizen engagement with protestors (tire slashing, painting truck, assault, etc); need to lower temp in surrounding area – issues to be tracked; not seeing any true hate-crime related reports on hotline; Chief – consider pre-charge and post-charge diversion for citizens provoked by the demonstration;

- Crown actively involved and providing significant latitude in laying charges; Crown to speak to PLTs about other charges that can be laid – intimidation, etc;
- Social media showing a lot of counter-protest messages – Sat and Sun may see activity; 200 licence plates have been analysed; [REDACTED] arriving at 1pm and will do a speech; [REDACTED] providing updates on Twitter; JOPLS and GAS involved in threats to Chief, JOPLS has requested some info; [REDACTED] active on Twitter and FB – trying to get more info on his activities;
- Chief spoke with Chair Deans last night – she has received significant negative emails, calls, etc. She will be provided with monitoring support – Supt. Patterson to monitor for threat assessment angle;
- Personal security required for Chief, PSB Chair and Mayor;
- Fifty officers being brought in – need for swearing in - Amy Bond, Ferzana Qadri to assist; will attempt to expediate; Board Report and Special Meeting required to approve; legal to do MOU;
- Protest has cost \$3.7M so far; 70% on officer salaries;
- Tractors coming from Alexandra; they had laid out route; will suggest OPP discourage group;
- Key question we will be asked – ‘What will be different’ – need to articulate the plan;
- Comms – internal – messaging re ongoing protests outside – activity increasing; external – traffic activity release – info to go to Comms – need to show actions taken; outstanding issues – we are actively pulling together info for action; online threats; MPP Hillier’s tweets; working with Navigator and ASI around communications packages for scenarios and how best to communicate; **Cam Hopgood and team have created dashboard but needs to be populated; please provide data;**
- MPP Hillier’s tweets – does not reach criminal threshold; irresponsible and inflammatory – put message out;
- Chief – excellent document by Supt. Zackrias and team that tracked specific work of CPOs and NRTs; A/DC Ferguson to share; #1 complaint from Navigator, analysts, residents, businesses – we are not seen to be doing enough; need to demonstrate how hard and effectively we are working; parking tags, provincial offences, etc;
- Looking to get media out to safely tour the protest – demonstrate what we are doing; **please inform John Steinbachs of any and all information/photos/updates pertaining to investigations and incidents that may help with messaging;**
- Email call outs for staffing a result of officers calling in sick/isolation, etc; pivoted to reserve staffing from patrol, staffing numbers are good, 64 for FLD;
- Consider civilians for help, relief, backfills;
- Demonstration at 474 at Elgin at noon – 100 interested, ESU in place to engage to help members enter and exit building if needed;
- Two NRT teams working – one in market, one in Centretown; 5 officers added to impacted areas; focus is high visibility, high customer service, problem solving – prevent patrol to having to respond; doing proactive and reactive work; trying to build system to ensure data points are captured; contact Supt. Zackrias with suggestions;
- Chief would like to ensure a centralized analyst is being used to gather information from all sources to assist Cam Hopgood – by end of day;

- More sustainable solution to what could be a long term situation; rest of the service needs to be managed; pull resources - not just uniformed, make changes to shift schedules – change with OPA if necessary, if funds are needed or an SME...let Chief know;
- Decision will be made in the next 24 hrs on long term trajectory;
- People who are informed are very supportive and recognize the work being done during this unprecedented demonstration; keep up the remarkable effort; get rest if needed.